



WELKOM

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Recognition of Qualifications held by Refugees”

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AIMS & OBJECTIVES

Project “WELKOM” has been developed in the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme as an answer to the growing needs for social, economic and educational integration of the refugees fleeing to the European countries during the last few years. The aim of “WELKOM” is to develop transparency, recognition and validation of skills and qualifications held by refugees and migrants based in Belgium, Iceland, Italy and Sweden. Consequently, this will make it easier for the target groups to study and work in the host countries, leading to further social inclusion and integration.

The aim of this brochure is to inform refugees about the available learning tools and initiatives in their host country, and to enhance their awareness in order to be able to participate and integrate. This brochure will help inform about and incorporate the learners in innovative learning systems, webinars, coaching and mentoring schemes taking place in their region.

PROJECT PARTNERSHIP

UC LIMBURG is a Higher Education Institution in Flanders, Belgium, renowned for the high quality of its teaching, research & regional development activities.

OECON GROUP is a European management consulting firm and a leading advisor in business strategy, social entrepreneurship, as well as an adult education centre and VET provider based in Thessaloniki, Greece.

EQUALITY CENTRE/JAFNRÉTTISHÚS is a private NGO based in Hafnarfjörður, Iceland. It is an international not for profit adult education provider and equality promoter organization.

MEDBORGARSKOLAN is a Nationwide Study association in Sweden which provides a rich offering of courses and educational programmes aimed at achieving skills for a new area of work.

FUTURO DIGITALE is an association with branches in 3 regions across Italy, composed of 19 members and 7 collaborators. Its aim of fd is to promote the empowerment of young people.

INTEGRATIE

Agentschap Integratie & Inburgering

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The Agency for Integration offers various services:

- **Mentorship by a route counsellor:** you get assigned a personal counsellor who communicates with you in your language. They will guide you through the integration process from the start. They will be your confidant and bring you into contact with the necessary institutions, for instance when you want to have your diploma recognised or when you need a lawyer.
- **Social Orientation:** a 60-hour course in your language, during the day, in the evening or in the weekends. In this course, you learn about the norms and values of Flemish society. The teacher helps you to find answers to problems you might encounter when taking part in Flemish society, such as finding a job or a school, using public transport, finding medical help.
- **Dutch:** the agency will help you determine your level of language and help you find a school.
- **Career guidance:** the agency guides you on a professional level by cooperating with employment services, on educational level by referring you to further education, or on social level by involving you in volunteering and sociocultural activities.
- **Certificate:** after actively and frequently taking part in the integration course, you will draw up a personal action plan with your counsellor. When you complete the integration course, pass the Dutch classes and realise two of your action points, you will be evaluated by your counsellor. If the evaluation is positive, you will receive a certificate for integration.

Contact details: find an AI&I desk near to you here www.integratie-inburgering.be/contactpunten.

For the city of Antwerp: www.atlas-antwerpen.be, for the city of Ghent: www.in-gent.be, for the city of Brussels: www.bon.be

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Contact details: find contact details about each Flemish Higher Education Institution here: data-onderwijs.vlaanderen.be/onderwijsaanbod/ > Hoger onderwijs

IVAN, UC Leuven



IVAN is an intensive preparatory year for non-Dutch speaking newcomers. It is a unique one-year course that helps you start in higher education, more specifically in accountancy, IT, business automation or store management.

Participants will take classes every day for the course of one school year. You have Dutch lessons and other courses taught in Dutch. IVAN starts in September and ends in June. The lessons take place in Leuven. If your level of Dutch is good enough, you can also start in February if you pass the entrance test for Dutch and general knowledge.

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ITNA, KU Leuven, Universiteit Antwerpen, Universiteit Gent en Vrije Universiteit Brussel

The Interuniversity Language Test for Foreign Speakers (ITNA) is an objective and reliable tool that tests whether the applicant has reached the B2 level of language in the European Framework for Reference (CEFR). This is the level of language that aspirant students need in order to be admitted to University in Flanders.

Contact details: find dates and locations for test moments here www.itna.be

THEA, Artesis Plantijn Hogeschool - Karel de Grote Hogeschool - Thomas More Antwerpen - UA



As of academic year 2017–2018, the four institutions of the Antwerp University Association offer a specially developed programme for refugees: THEA. THEA allows refugees to 'try' higher education during the final stages of their Dutch language studies. The aim is to allow these prospective students to find out more about the study programme they would like to take, which should help them prepare to make a well-informed decision. The project is organised in cooperation with Atlas – Antwerp's agency for civic integration (City of Antwerp).

What the THEA programme involves:

- **Selection:** Candidates are selected by Atlas on the basis of their higher education prospects. They follow a study orientation plan with Atlas and have a clear idea about which study programme they would like to enrol in. Of course, they must also fulfil certain criteria (see below). Atlas draws up an agreement with each candidate.
- **Induction into the higher education institution:** Participants are referred to a contact person at the higher education institution. This contact person organises an intake interview between the participant and the student counsellor for the programme the participant would like to enrol in.
- **Composition of the programme:** The participant and his/her student counsellor discuss the choice of programme components for the THEA programme. Administrative aspects are also discussed. The student counsellor contacts the relevant lecturers and arranges a place for the 'extra' student in their education and evaluation activities.
- **Participation in the THEA programme:** The participant takes part in all education and evaluation activities. The lecturers involved provide appropriate information about the quality of the participant's study activities (level, progress etc.), especially in terms of programme choice and chances of successful programme completion.
- **Definitive enrolment in the most suitable higher education programme following successful completion of the required Dutch language exams.**

Conditions for participation

- The candidate should belong to one of the following categories: a refugee, a person receiving protection on humanitarian grounds (Dutch: subsidiair beschermde) or a family member being reunited with a refugee.
- The candidate fulfils the qualification requirements for higher education and the relevant documents have been verified by the higher education institution concerned.
- The candidate has achieved CEFR level B1 in Dutch (equivalent to Level 3 at Linguapolis or Level 2.4 in an adult education centre) and has registered for the next level.
- The candidate has been selected by Atlas as a candidate with higher education prospects.
- The candidate has completed a study orientation plan at Atlas.

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INCAMPUS



InCAMPUS offers to a limited number of refugee students (max 20) a preparatory pathway to help them develop the language and study skills needed to enroll and succeed in their chosen academic programme at the VUB.

Are you eligible for this track? This is what is on offer:

Dutch or English language courses (leading to B2 level required to enrol at the university) in collaboration with ACTO

Training on educational methods and study skills

Cultural orientation courses in collaboration with BON Inburgering Brussel

Psychological support and counselling

1 or 2 regular course in your chosen academic programme

Eligibility criteria:

You have obtained at least a secondary school diploma in your home country

You have refugee status in Belgium

You wish to start/continue studying at the VUB in Dutch or in English

You have an intermediate knowledge of Dutch or English (equivalent B1)

You succeed in the selection tests (paper application, language test and interview)

Contact Details: refugee@vub.ac.be

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

VDAB



The Flemish Employment Service and VET Centre offers two services: career guidance and vocational education and training.

- Career guidance: VDAB helps you in everything related to finding a job: where to find job vacancies, how to apply for a job and knowing what job complies with your skills and competences.
- VET: VDAB offers various courses in Vocational Education, as well as Dutch courses for a professional environment and job application training.

Contact details: find a VDAB desk near to you here: www.vdab.be/contact

SYNTRA



Syntra has schools all over Flanders in VET and adult education. Courses are taught during the day, in the evenings and in the weekends, in a short or in a long study cycle.

Contact details: find a Syntra school near to you here: www.syntra.be

CVO

Adult Education Centres in Flanders are called CVO (Centrum Volwassenenonderwijs). They offer language, IT and VET courses during the day or in the evenings.

Contact Details: find an adult education centre near to you here data-onderwijs.vlaanderen.be/onderwijsaanbod/ > Volwassenenonderwijs

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Project AZO



Starting up your own business in Flanders. Project AZO organises info sessions where they give all the necessary information to become an entrepreneur, what are the opportunities and pitfalls, where to turn to for further support. Together with your consultant they determine the most suitable way for you to entrepreneurship.

Contact Details: find an info session near you here: www.projectazo.be

Talent 2 Connect



With Talent 2 Connect, you can sign up to get into contact with a mentor: an experienced professional willing to guide and advise you in how to reach your professional objective.

Contact Details: read about success stories and sign up for a mentor here: www.talent2connect.be

Duo for a job



You are job-hunting? You don't know where to start and you would like to benefit from appropriate and personalised advice from somebody with experience? DUO for a JOB will provide you with all this. By your side for a period of 6 months and on a weekly basis for 2 to 3 hours at a time, you and your mentor will put everything in place to launch your professional career.

To be eligible for the programme, you must :

- Be between 18 and 30 years old
- Have a non-EU nationality OR be Belgian with an immigration background (at least a parent or grandparent was born outside of EU)
- Be able to express yourself in English, French or Dutch
- Have a valid Belgian residency card (no student visa or orange card)
- Be active in your job search

Contact Details: sign up in Antwerp, Brussels, Gent or Liège at www.duoforajob.be

NARIC



NARIC-Vlaanderen:

recognises foreign diplomas for anyone who wants to work in Flanders

offers information and advice on foreign education systems

NARIC is an acronym for National Academic Recognition Information Centre and is part of the ENIC-NARIC network.

Contact Details: naricvlaanderen.be

INTEGRATIE

LOCATIE	ORGANISATIE	CONTACT
Vlaanderen	Agentschap Integratie en Inburgering	www.integratie-inburgering.be/
Antwerpen	Atlas	www.atlas-antwerpen.be
Brussel	Bon	www.bon.be
Gent	In-Gent	www.in-gent.be

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LOCATIE	ORGANISATIE	ACTIVITEIT	CONTACT
Vlaanderen	Vlaamse Universiteiten	ITNA	www.itna.be
Leuven	UC Leuven	IVAN	bie.strypens@ucll.be
Antwerpen	Universiteiten en Hogescholen	THEA	eveline.philippaerts@stad.antwerpen.be
Brussel	Vrije Universiteit Brussel	InCAMPUS	refugee@vub.ac.be

BEROEPSOPLEIDING EN VOLWASSENENONDERWIJS

LOCATIE	ORGANISATIE	CONTACT
Vlaanderen	VDAB	www.vdab.be/contact
Vlaanderen	Syntra	www.syntra.be
Vlaanderen	CVO	data-onderwijs.vlaanderen.be/onderwijsaanbod >

TEWERKSTELLING

LOCATIE	ORGANISATIE	CONTACT
Vlaanderen	VDAB	www.vdab.be/contact
Vlaanderen	Project AZO	www.projectazo.be
Vlaanderen	Talent 2 Connect	www.talent2connect.be
Antwerpen, Brussel, Gent, Luik	Duo For a Job	www.duoforajob.be
Vlaanderen	NARIC	www.naricvlaanderen.be



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